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**Town Administrator Report**  
**As Presented to the Select Board on September 7, 2022**

1. Dept. of Public Works Project Update- I wanted to update the Board that we have officially hired Saltonstall Architects to be the designer of the project and are working with on a presentation to the Building Committee on some options regarding construction. In the meantime, I am taking the building committee on site visits next week to look at number of local similar projects. We will be looking at a local Morton Building, the Rochester DPW and the Kittansett Club Maintenance Facility.
2. Landfill Solar Project Update- I have positive news on the Marion Landfill project. The Eversource interconnection is complete and the connection to the grid has been approved. The cost of the connection is higher than the original cost in their RFP proposal. This additional cost will lower the amount paid to the town in the annual lease payment. The final lease cost is still being evaluated but the project continues to make financial sense at this point and will be reevaluated soon when final costs are determined. Next steps include a meeting with GE (the developer) and the town in late September.
3. Marion Town Party- I would like to publicly thank all of the volunteers associated with the annual town party. This terrific annual community event was held at the Silver Shell beach in late August was a total success. Donna has done a tremendous job with the other committee members and deserve a public thank you. Its events like this that make Marion such a terrific community and special place.
4. Sippican School Playground- After the installation of the new emergency egress at the Sippican School we worked to reinstall the rear playground at the Sippican School. I am happy to report that with

the help of Facility Wizard Gene Jones, the playground was certified for use last week and is officially available for use by students the school. We are still working on long term upgrades to the playground with funding from CPC and Tabor Academy. Those new improvements are being designed by School Administration and the DPW. Once a timeline is available for the final project, I will report back to the board. I would also like to thank the Dept of Public Works for painting new 4 Square lines on the basketball courts to allow for additional activities at recess.

5. Pickleball Court – Point Road Playground- I am happy to report that I am working with Scott Tavares our Recreation Director on a CPC application for new pickleball courts to be installed at the Point Road Playground. These 4 new courts would replace the current tennis courts which are not in use. It will not disrupt from the current basketball courts or change the configuration of the park. We will also be looking to fence in the new courts and replace the current lighting in the park to allow for playing basketball and pickleball in the evening. This CPC application will be made by the Recreation Dept in coordination with the Select Board. I am hopeful that this project will be a success and allow for community members to try the exciting game of pickleball.

6. Board of Health Applications- I have emailed you the three application we received after posting the opening on the Marion Board of Health. This appointment will be made at a joint meeting of the SB and the BOH, I have begun scheduling interviews for 5pm on 9/20 and then plan to have another joint meeting on 10/4 to vote on the appointment. This vote will be made by both elected boards. The three applications we received are residents Albin Johnson, Mary Melson and Tina McMichael.

7. Marion Police & Sippican School Planning- In an effort to find a way to add a stronger police presence at the Sippican Elementary School, myself, School Administrators, Chief Nighelli and the chair of the Sippican Elementary School Committee have been working on coming up with a plan. We have gone back and forth on a number of options and seem to be all focused on one solution. This solution will be presented to the School Committee next week and hopefully can be implemented immediately. More to come....

8. US Senior Amateur Championship – I wanted to report to the Board that the Kittansett Club hosted the National Championship last week and was an overall success. It was held from August 25th till September 1st. I have received multiple emails from the Club thanking us for our good working helping and planning for the event. I wanted to pass that on to the Board and also thank the Marion Police and Fire Department

for all their hard work with the event. It shed a very positive light on our town and staff. Congrats all around.